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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 6, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-18, 21-38, 40-48, 50-57 and 60-62 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1, 6-14, 17, 18, 21-27, 29-33, 40-48, 50, 52, 55-57 and 60 are rejected and claims 61 and 62 are indicated to be allowed by the Examiner. Claims 2-4, 16, 28, 34-38, 51, and 53-54 are allowable if rewritten into independent form. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 2-4, 6, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 25, 34, 36, 40, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, and 56 are amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Claims 1, 6-14, 17, 18, 21-27, 29-33, 40-48, 50, 52, 55-57 and 60 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) in view of *Sun, et al.* (6,709,316). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Enclosed with this response is a Statement of Common Ownership of *Sun, et al.* Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6-14, 17, 18, 21-27, 29-33, 40-48, 50, 52, 55-57 and 60 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over *Sun, et al.* (6,709,316). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Enclosed with this response is a Terminal Disclaimer. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 50 is rejected under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 50 is amended for clarity. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

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Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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